# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY
# LOK SABHA

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Solar Energy Programme
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**Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government is planning to accelerate the solar energy programme in the country;
(b) if so, the details thereof;
(c) whether the cost of maintenance of solar energy equipments is very high; and
(d) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps taken by the Government to lower the maintenance cost of solar energy equipments?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE POWER, COAL , AND MINES NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)
(a) &(b): Yes, Madam. The Government has revised the National Solar Power Mission target of Grid Connected Solar Power projects from 20,000 MW by 2022 to 1,00,000 MW by 2022 so as to accelerate the solar energy programme in the country.
(c) &(d): The cost of maintenance of solar power projects is low compared to thermal projects as there are no moving parts in photovoltaic panels.
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